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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 4, 2006 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the patent application documents filed with the Japanese Patent Office on May 5, 2000, an English translation of the documents except for the drawings, and a declaration from the translator is attached following page 4 of this paper.